

**NDDOT/Contractor Liaison Meeting
1:15 p. m. – April 13, 2009
Room 330, Transportation Building
Bismarck, North Dakota**

Attendees

There were twenty-eight (28) attendees representing three (3) companies, along with representatives from the Associated General Contractors (AGC), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the North Dakota Department of Transportation (Department). The meeting was held in Room 330 of the Transportation Building and was broadcast via the Department's video conferencing sites in the Grand Forks, Fargo, Valley City, Devils Lake, Minot, Williston, and Dickinson district offices.

Grant Levi, Deputy Director for Engineering, North Dakota Department of Transportation, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made at all locations.

Francis Ziegler, Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation - Opening Comments & Legislative Update

There are emergency repair issues and grade raise issues. The Department must front some of the money for grade raises and match some funds for emergency repairs.

Transportation Bill, SB2012, was amended in the House. There are many amendments to the bill, but we are still not where we need to be as far as the Department's budget is concerned.

\$176 million in stimulus projects can be bid and awarded but the Department cannot sign contracts until the legislature passes the bill. Contracts from the April 3rd bid opening can't be signed until the Governor signs the bill. Regular projects are not affected by this.

Cal Gendreau, Construction Engineer - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Employment Forms

There will be many new reporting requirements for stimulus projects, most of this reporting will be done by the Department.

All stimulus projects start with "STM" and will have special reporting requirements. The special provision for reporting requirements are in projects for the April 3rd bid opening.

The Department is in the process of posting the ARRA employment forms to the Web. Forms must be completed electronically and emailed, to the email address in the special provisions, by the 10th calendar day of each month.

The Department will complete a summary report and submit it to FHWA. The form contains: the total number of employees, total hours worked, and the total payroll for stimulus jobs.

Question: Do contractors need to separate out all employees hired for each job?

Answer: No. The report is a summary of the total number of employees, the total hours worked, and the total payroll on stimulus projects.

Question: Are surveyors included?

Answer: Yes. All employees who work on stimulus projects must be included. This is not tied to Davis-Bacon.

Director Ziegler requested that Cal Gendreau contact Job Service ND to see if they need any of our information.

All contractors who are awarded contracts from stimulus projects will be required to have a DUNs number from Dunn & Bradstreet. The information on this is in the special provision.

Questions on reporting requirements can be addressed to Construction Services.

Darcy Rosendahl, Director, Office of Operations - Race-conscious Special Provision

There were two issues before the work team. One issue has been taken care of. The other issue has some language that needs to be resolved. The new special provision will go into effect for April 17th bid opening.

Bid openings will be every two weeks to get projects out. Award will be the Thursday prior to each bid opening so contractors know what they have in their schedule.

Deb Igoe, Director, Civil Rights Division - DBE Goal

DBE participation is at 4.5% as of the April 13th bid opening. The race-neutral portion of the goals needs more participation.

Internet Questions - None

Audience Questions - None

Francis Ziegler, Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation - Closing Comments

Valley City has water over I-94. They are flagging now and will be doing night time flagging. There are 30 areas in ND where water is on or beside the road. The Department may need the industry to help make fast repairs.

Some of the local area roads are breaking up. Some districts have changed their load restrictions. Load restrictions will be in place for some time.